

In The Claims

1. (currently amended) Process of crimping a contact (1) on an end (2) of a wire (3), the contact having an interior shaft (7) through which the end to be crimped is inserted, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the process comprises:

- ~~one radially tightens~~ tightening a first jaw (12) in a crimping manner (4) on the shaft so as to crimp it on a first level (14) on the end,
- ~~one maintains~~ maintaining this first jaw in tightened position, while moving a second jaw (13) along the shaft to crimp it over its length around the end of the wire.

2. (original) Process according to claim 1 ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the second jaw is moved from the first level up to an opening of the shaft.

3. (currently amended) Process according to claim 2 ~~claims 1 through 2~~ characterized in that one inserts wherein a partially stripped end (10) is inserted into the interior of the shaft.

4. (currently amended) Process according to claim 3 ~~claims 1 through 3~~ characterized in that wherein one crimps a copper shaft on the aluminum strands of the wire.

5. (currently amended) Process according to claim 4 wherein ~~claims 1 through 4~~ characterized in that one crimps the wire at eight points with the aid of the first jaw.

6. (currently amended) Process according to claim 5 wherein ~~claims 1 through 5~~ characterized in that one exerts a radial pressure on the wire with the first jaw.

7. (currently amended) Process according to claim 6 wherein ~~claims 1 through 6~~  
~~characterized in that~~ one pulls a trigger in order to successively crimp the recess of the first jaw  
and the displacement of the second jaw.

8. (currently amended) Process according to claim 7 wherein ~~claims 1 through 7~~  
~~characterized in that~~ the second jaw is closed again around the wire to present an opening  
slightly larger than the diameter of the wire and slightly smaller than the external diameter of the  
shaft.

*Please add the following new claims:*

9. (new) A process for crimping a contact on an end of a wire comprising:
- (a) providing a contact having an interior shaft through which an end to be crimped is  
inserted;
  - (b) inserting the end to be crimped into the contact;
  - (c) radially tightening a first jaw along the interior shaft to crimp it at or adjacent the  
end to be crimped;
  - (d) moving a second jaw along the interior shaft while maintaining the first jaw in a  
radially tightened position.

10. (new) A process for crimping a contact on an end of a wire comprising:
- (a) providing a contact having a copper shaft and a wire having aluminum strands;
  - (b) inserting the aluminum strands to be crimped into the contact;
  - (c) radially tightening a first jaw on the shaft of the contact to crimp it at a first location;
  - (d) moving a second jaw along the copper shaft of the contact while maintaining the first jaw in a radially tightened position.

11. (new) A process for crimping a contact on an end of a wire comprising:
- (a) providing a contact having a shaft and a wire having strands;
  - (b) inserting the strands to be crimped into the contact;
  - (c) radially tightening a first jaw on the shaft of the contact to crimp it at a first location;
  - (d) moving a second jaw along the shaft of the contact while maintaining the first jaw in a radially tightened position; and
  - (e) wherein the shaft of the contact and the strands of the wire are crimped at a plurality of pairs of points along the shaft.

12. (new) A process for crimping a contact on an end of a wire comprising:
- (a) providing a contact having a shaft and a wire having strands;
  - (b) inserting the strands to be crimped into the contact;
  - (c) radially tightening a first jaw on the shaft of the contact to crimp it at a first location;
  - (d) moving a second jaw along the shaft of the contact while maintaining the first jaw in a radially tightened position; and
  - (e) opening and closing the second jaw to produce an opening larger than the diameter of the wire and smaller than the outer diameter of the shaft.